Production of 3-Wheelers with dieselised engines

2938. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that manufacturers have plans to dieselise the 3-wheelers;

(b) if so, by when such dieselised 3-wheelers are expected to be marketed:

(c) whether it is also a fact that one of the existing manufacturers of 3-wheelers has introduced 3-wheelers fitted with a rear engine;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what is the estimated number of such 3-wheelers likely to be produced by the end of 1984?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE, SUPPLY AND INDUSTRY (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) M/s Scooters India Limited and Automobile Products of India are already manufacturing and marketing diesel 3-wheelers in addition to their petrol versions.

(c) to (e) M/s. Bajaj Auto Limited are manufacturing 3-wheeler autorickshaws powered by a 150 cc rear engine. This is a petrol driven engine developing 5.5 BHP at 5000 rpm. The engine is also fitted with electronic ignition system. The company proposes to manufacture about 11,000 such autorickshaws in 1984.

Social amenities provided by Public Sector undertakings to the weaker sections

2939. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public sector undertakings under his Ministry have taken various steps to provide social amenities to the weaker sections of society like tribals and harijans;

(b) if so, what are the details of action taken by each such public sector undertaking during the last one year; and

(c) what other activities are proposed to be undertaken by such public sector undertakings in this regard in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE, SUPPLY AND INDUSTRY (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) Various schemes formulated by some of the public sector undertakings including Hindustan Cables Ltd., Hindustan Photo Films, Cement Corporation of India, Instrumentation Ltd., Kota and Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi include concessions to Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes and physically handicapped in the matter of recruitment, rehabilitation of physically handicapped persons, adoption of neighbouring villages for community development programmes such as supply of free drinking water, promotion of family welfare, free eye camps, health care, elementary education, fair price shops and economic assistance to the weaker sections.

(c) Subject to availability of funds the public sector undertakings propose not only to continue the existing schemes but also to broaden their activities to provide social amenities to the weaker sections in the near future.

Registrations granted under Section 9(3) 9(3B) of the Insecticides Act

2940. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the parties to whom pesticides registrations have been granted under Sections 9(3) and 9(3B) of the Insecticides Act, during the last